## Creating and Viewing Case Notes/Structured Case Notes

#### Introduction

A case note (aka Narrative) is used to document critical case management contacts made throughout the life of a case.

### The guide addresses:

- Creating a Case Note with Case Assignment
- Creating Case Notes from Search
- Creating a Case Note
- Searching Structured Case Notes from a Case or Permanency Plan
- Creating a Structured Case Note
- Viewing Case Notes

While case assignment is not required to create a note, it may limit information presented in the Structured Case Note format.

#### **Related User Guides:**

Creating Correction Notes

Documenting Monthly Case Worker Contacts

Recording & Reporting Face-to-Face Contacts

Initial Face-to-Face Contacts

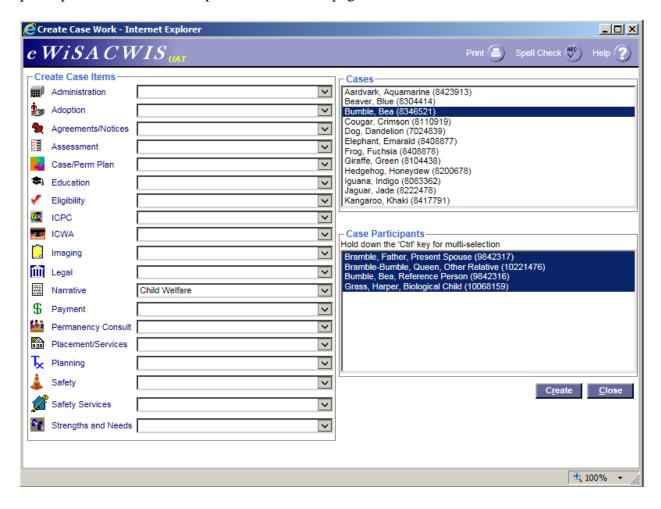
## **Creating a Case Note with Case Assignment**

When assigned to a case, Case Notes can be created 2 ways:

- a. Create Case Work
- b. Case <u>Actions</u> hyperlink

## a. From Create Case Work

- 1. From the desktop, select Create > Case Work or click the Case Work button work to open the Create Case Work page.
- 2. On the Create Case Work page, select the appropriate note Category from the Narrative drop-down and the Case. Selecting Case Participants is optional; use the 'ctrl' key to select more than one participant. Click Create to open the Case Notes page.

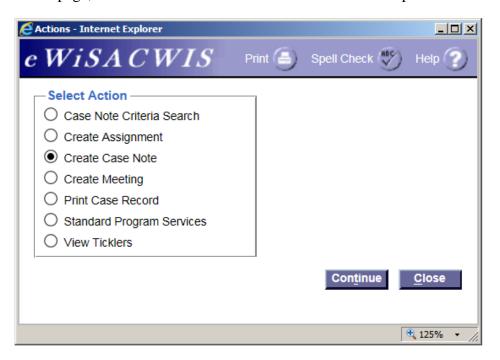


## **b.** From the Case Actions hyperlink

1. From the desktop, select the <u>Actions</u> hyperlink to the right of the Case Name to open the Actions pop-up page.



2. On the Actions page, select Create Case Note and click Continue to open the Case Notes page.

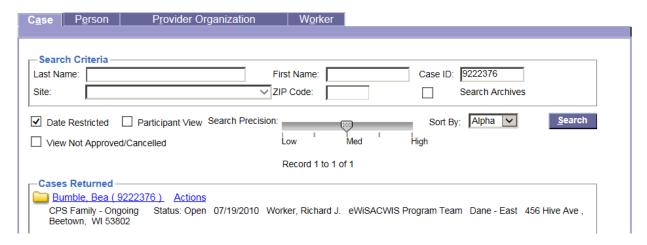


## **Creating Case Notes from Search**

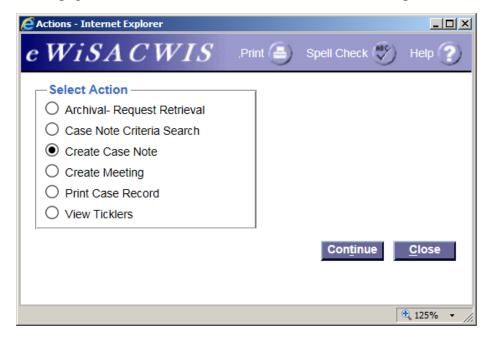
**Note:** Case Assignment is not required when creating a note via the Search page.

**Note:** The case can be in Open or Closed Status.

- 1. From the desktop, select Utilities>Search or Click the Search button page.
- 2. Search out the case by using the Case Name or Case ID number. Once the desired case is identified in Cases Returned group box, select the <a href="Actions">Actions</a> pop-up page.



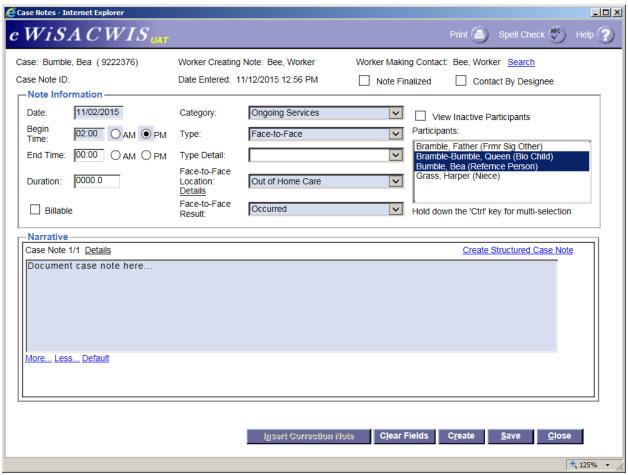
3. On the Actions page, select Create Case Note and click Continue to open the Case Notes page.



#### **Creating a Case Note**

A Case Note can be entered in two ways: from the Case Notes "base" page (shown below), or in the Structured Case Note page (see the Creating a Structured Case Note section of this guide for more information). This section will describe the base Case Notes page.

Several fields will prefill automatically such as the Case name, Worker Creating Note, Worker Making Contact.



1. Enter the Date, Time, Category and Type and associated information.

<u>Worker Making Contact</u>: There is an option to <u>Search</u> out the Worker Making Contact, if different than the Worker Creating the Note. Click the Search hyperlink to search and update the Worker Making Contact when applicable.

<u>Contact By Designee</u>: Per policy, agencies may use other professional staff as designees to complete face-to-face contacts. Staff includes those trained to assess safety, facilitate permanence, ensure a child's wellbeing, and evaluate the progress of a child and family's case. To indicate a Case Note completed by a designee, select the Contact by Designee checkbox.

2. Select Participants (if not already selected) from the list. Hold down the 'Ctrl' key to Multi-Select.

- 3. Click Save to save information entered on the page (the Note is not yet finalized). This allows for editing up to 30 days after the case note was created, or until the Note Finalized checkbox is checked.
- 4. To finalize the Note, select the Note Finalized checkbox, and Click Save. When the Note Finalized checkbox is selected or 30 days have past, the note will be frozen and no longer editable. However, a Correction Note can be inserted if necessary (please see the associated Creating Correction Notes User Guide).

**Note:** Click Create to create a new Case Note for the same case.

## **Creating a Structured Case Note**

**Note:** Case assignment is not required to create a Structured Case Note; however access to associated pieces of work in the note may be limited.

**Note:** Once a note is created in the Structured Case Note format, it cannot be changed to the base Case Note format. Additionally, most changes will need to be done via the Structured Case Note page.

#### Introduction

A Structured Case Note (SCN) allows for a note to be entered in an organized structure and associates the note to Subject(s) of Contact (child/youth discussed) and related Safety, Case/Permanency Planning, and or Well-being information.

Benefits of entering a note in the Structured Case Note format:

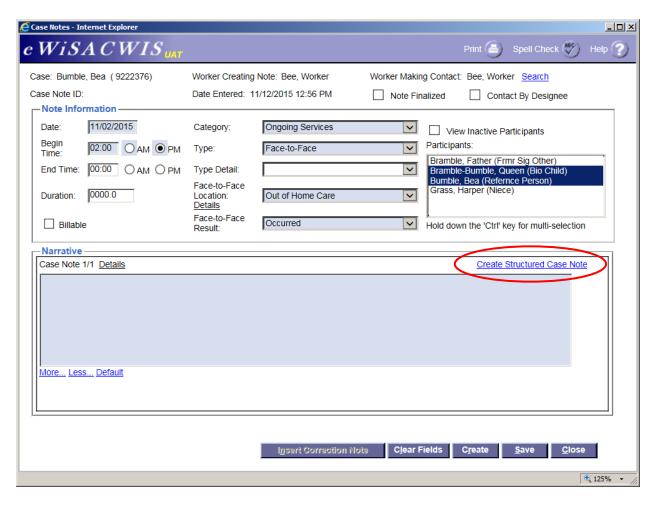
- Presents Safety and Case/Permanency Planning information as of the Case Note date (point-in-time) for the subjects of contact to assist a worker in writing the note narrative.
- Presents Well-being information, and prefills Health Concerns entered via the SCN and medications lists for selected contacts to the base Case Note narrative.
- Allows a Case Notes Search by the subject of the contact; related Safety, Case/Permanency, or Well-Being; and by specific areas under each category. A search can be done directly from the Case/Permanency pages or from Case Note Criteria Search page.
- Presents <u>Create</u>, <u>View</u>, <u>Edit</u> hyperlinks to assist a worker in viewing existing or pending case work and, if desired, an easy way to create new pieces of work.

**Note:** Only the narrative text, and any identified Health Concerns and Medication Lists for the subjects of contacts will prefill to the base case note page.

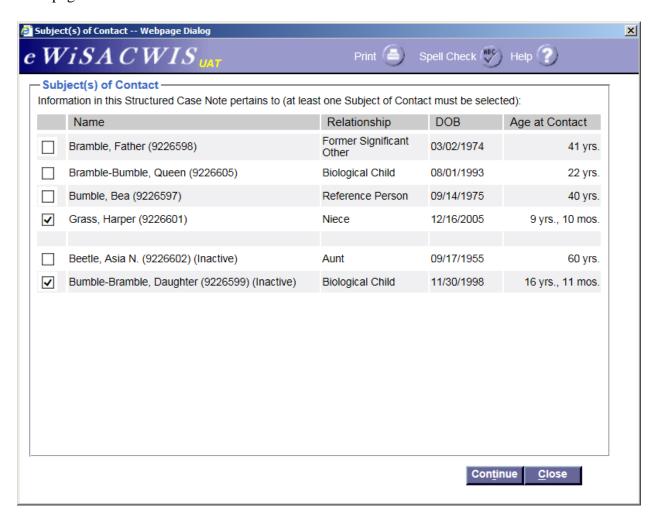
## **Entering a Structured Case Note**

A Structured Case Note is launched from the base case note page (see below). All required fields in the Note Information group box are required prior to launching a Structured Case Note. Narrative text can be entered, but is not required.

1. The following is considered the "base" Case Note page. Click <u>Create Structured Case Note</u> hyperlink to launch the Subject(s) of Contact and to create a Structured Case Note.



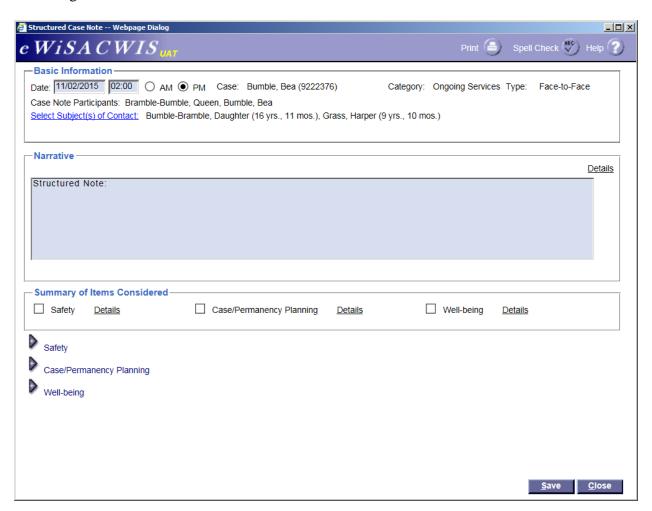
2. The Subject(s) of Contact page lists participants on the case as well as relationship, Date of Birth, and the Age at Contact (age as of the note date). Select the checkboxes for the Subject(s) of Contact (i.e. who you talked about) being addressed in the note. Click Continue to open the Structured Case Note page.



**Note:** The Age at Contact is the age as of the case note date. For anyone under 21 years old, years and months will be listed, and anyone under 1 year, months only.

**Note:** If applicable, Inactive participants are listed separately after Active Case participants.

3. The Structured Case Note page contains a Basic Information section, Narrative box, Summary of Items Considered, and Safety, Case/Permanency, and Well-being expandos. The following lettered sections give an overview of each of these areas.



#### A. Basic Information

• Date and Time: Prefills from the base Case Note page.

**Note:** Once created and saved as a Structured Case Note, changes to the date and time of the note must be done on the Structured Case Note page. Changes to Category, Type, and Participants can be made on the base Case Note page.

- Case Name: Prefills from the base Case Note page.
- Category & Type: Prefills from the base Case Note page.
- Case Note Participants: Prefills with the Participants selected from the base Case Note page.
- <u>Select Subject(s) of Contact</u> displays the subjects selected on the Subject(s) of Contact page. Subjects can be changed by clicking the hyperlink to reopen the selection page.

#### **B.** Narrative Box:

• By default, prefills "Structured Case Note:" and any text if entered in the Narrative on the base note page. Enter narrative here.

## C. Summary of Items Considered

One or multiple checkboxes may be selected to indicate areas addressed: Safety,
 Case/Permanency Planning, and Well-being. If desired more information regarding these areas
 can be entered under the following expandos
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## D. Safety, Case/Permanency Planning, and Well-being Expandos

• Click the expando button to expand the section. Once opened, each area will list a series of questions with a 'Yes' or 'No' radio button. Each subjects name will also be listed. The checkbox next to the subject name(s) to indicate if this area was addressed for this particular child/youth during this contact.



**Note:** Selecting the 'Yes' radio button and a checkbox for a Subject(s) of Contact, allows for the note to be searchable by that subject and area addressed through Case Note Search.

Hyperlinks and information displayed throughout the sections, depend on several factors such as:

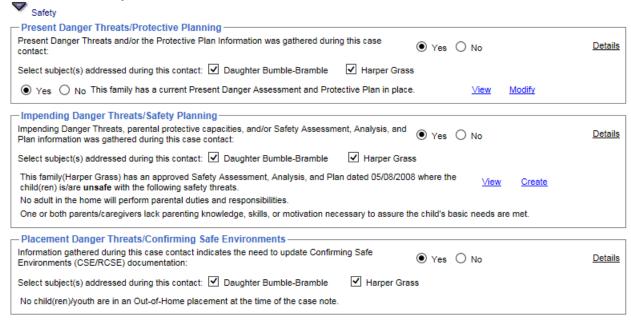
- Date of the Structured Case Note
- Subject(s) of Contacts selected
- Existing eWiSACWIS case work (some work needs to be approved at least one day prior to the SCN Date in order to display)
- The ability to view and create work from the SCN based on assignment and worker security
- Child's placement (in or out-of-home) as of the Structured Case Note date

**Note:** Hyperlinks may be available to <u>Create</u> or <u>Modify</u> pieces of work, but will not update the note if they are documented and approved after the case note date.



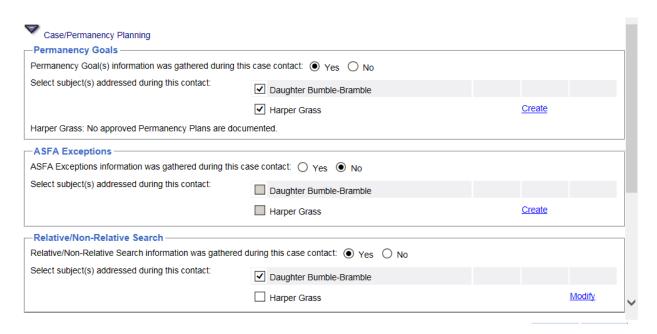
Safety includes Present Danger Threats/Protective Planning, Impending Danger Threats/Safety Planning, and Placement Danger Threats/Confirming Safe Environments sections.

Based on the subjects selected and Structured Case Note date, available Safety information prefills to the Structured Case Note. For instance, if an approved Protective Plan is in place for the case a <u>View</u> link may appear, or if an approved Safety Assessment, Analysis, and Plan is in place a summary will prefill with the related safety outcome.



# 5 Case/Permanency Planning

Case/Permanency Planning includes Permanency Goals, ASFA Exceptions, Relative/Non-Relative Search, Goals and Services, and Review/Hearing sections.





Well-being includes Health Concerns, Medications, Education, Family Interaction, and Independent Living. Subject names appear as hyperlinks that open their Person Management record. Select the checkbox next to the name to indicate if an area was addressed with the subject of contact.

Well-being		
-Health Concerns		
Only Health Concerns created v	ia the person's name hyperlink (below) to their Person Management	page will prefill to this note.
Select subject(s) addressed duri	ing this contact: 🗹 Daughter Bumble-Bramble 🖳 Harper Gra	ss
Bumble-Bramble, Daughter		
	30/2015 with New Medical Provider was documented. as noted: Experiencing lower back pain. Comes and goes.	
Grass, Harper		
	12/2015 with New Medical Provider was documented. as noted: Fever with Flu-like symptoms	
-Medication(s)		
	me includes the medication names, dosage/frequency, and start da lote date. Select the name hyperlink to access their Person Manage	
Select subject(s) addressed duri	ing this contact: 🗹 Daughter Bumble-Bramble 🔲 Harper Gra	ss
Bumble-Bramble, Daughter		
Ibuprophen	2 tabs, as needed	10/30/2015 - present
Multi-Vitamin	1 per day, morning	06/03/2014 - present
Prozac	100 ml, daily, in morning	09/04/2012 - present
Grass, Harper		
Acetaminophen	05 ml, orally as needed	10/26/2015 - 10/29/2015

**Note:** Only Health Concerns entered via the note for selected subjects of contacts appear in the case note, and prefill to the base Case Note page.

**Note:** If listed, only current medications and those ended 30 days prior to the case note date will appear, otherwise "There are no current medications documented" statement will appear. Only medications for those selected as subjects of contacts prefill to the base Case Note page.

7. Once all information is completed, click Save on the Structured Case Note page to return to the base Case Note page. Narrative, any health concerns documented via the note, and medications selected for Subject(s) of Contact are viewable in the Case Note Narrative section. Additionally, a summary statement "Information in this Structured Case Note pertains to: [displays names of selected Subject(s) of Contact] and addresses [areas addressed in the note].

ise Note ID	Case: Bumble, Bea ( 9222376)		Worker Creating Note: Bee, Worker Worker Making Contact: Bee, Worker Search			
	Case Note ID: 9225119		Date Entered: 11/12/2015 12:59 PM Note Fir		nalized Contact By Designee	
Note Info	rmation ————					
Date:	11/02/2015 <u>Details</u>	Category:	Ongoing Services	V	☐ View Inactive Participants	
Begin Time:	02:00 OAM OPM	Type:	Face-to-Face	V	Participants:  Bramble, Father (Frmr Sig Other)	
End Time:	00:00 OAM OPM	Type Detail:		V	Bramble-Bumble, Queen (Bio Child) Bumble, Bea (Refernce Person)	
Duration:	0000.0	Face-to-Face Location: <u>Details</u>	Out of Home Care	V	Grass, Harper (Niece)	
Billabl	le	Face-to-Face Result:	Occurred	V	Hold down the 'Ctrl' key for multi-selection	
-Narrative	)————					
Case Note	1/1 <u>Details</u>				Modify Structured Case Note	
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Multi-Vit	hen, 2 tabs, as needed, tamin, 1 per day, mornii 100 ml, daily, in mornir	ng, 06/03/14 -	present			
	tion in this Structured C es: [Safety, Case/Perma			ible-Bramble, H	larper Grass) and	

8. Prior to note finalization, the note can be modified by clicking the <u>Modify Structured Case Note</u> hyperlink from the base note page.

9. Once a note has been marked on the base Case Notes page as Note Finalized, a <u>View Structured Case Note</u> hyperlink is available to view the note in the structured format, but hyperlinks to associated pieces of work will no longer be available.

## Searching Structured Case Notes from a Case or Permanency Plan

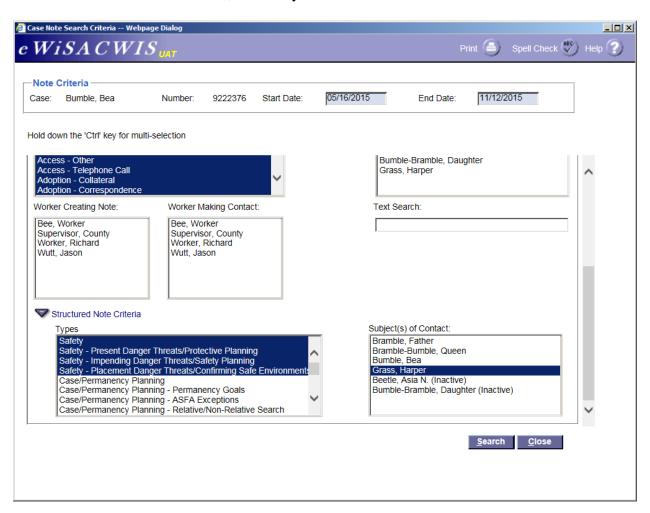
Structured Notes can be searched directly from a Case or Permanency Plan. Clicking the <u>Safety</u>, <u>Case/Permanency Planning</u>, or <u>Well-being</u> will return Structured Case Notes where that specific area was addressed for the subject(s).



1. Select a hyperlink from the Basic group box to search previously entered Structured Case Notes where both the child/ren are identified as a subject(s) of contact, and where the related area was addressed.

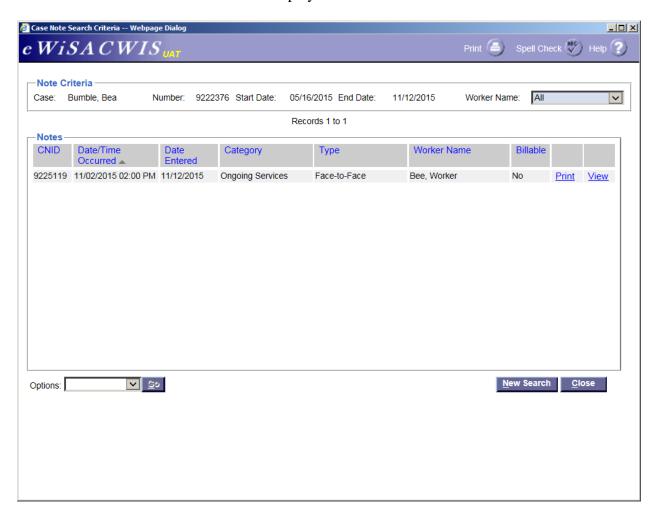
Note: Opening the Case Note Search hyperlink on pre-select all Categories and Types.

2. The Case Note Search Criteria page will pre-select information based on the hyperlink selected. The date range defaults 6 months from today's date. The range can be adjusted to expand or narrow a search. Click Search, or modify search criteria as desired.



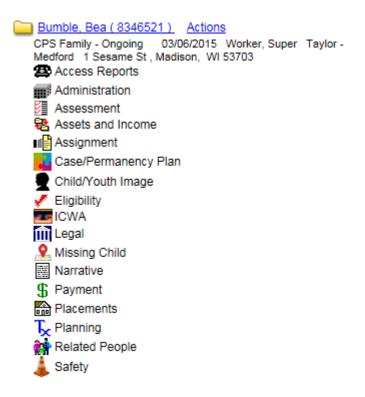
**Note:** Opening a hyperlink from a Case Plan, will pre-select all children on the plan. For a Permanency Plan, only the named child will be pre-selected.

3. The Case Note Search Criteria will display all results that fit the criteria.

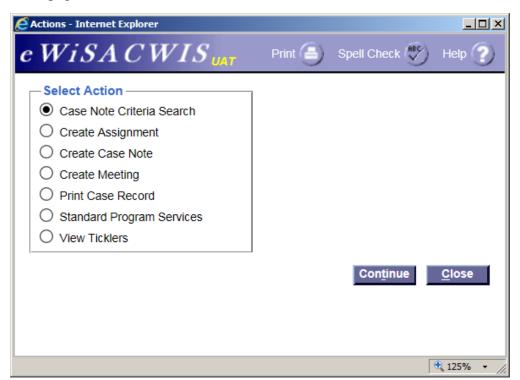


## **Viewing/ Printing Case Notes**

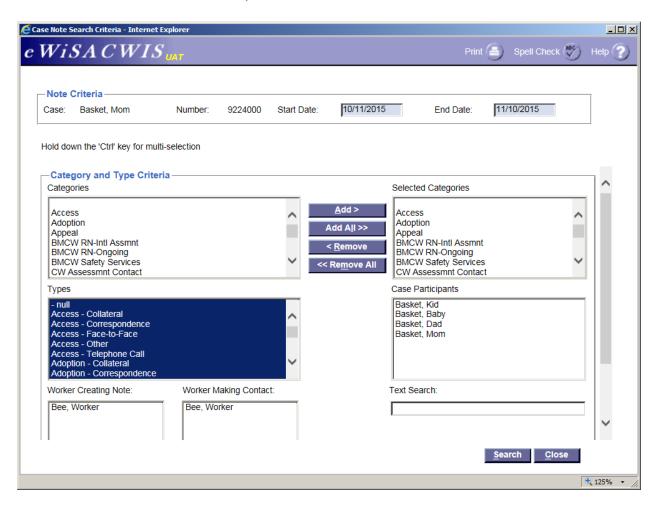
1. To view or print multiple notes for a case at one time, select the <u>Actions</u> hyperlink to the right of the Case Name to open the Actions pop-up page.



2. On the Actions page, select Case Note Criteria Search and click Continue.

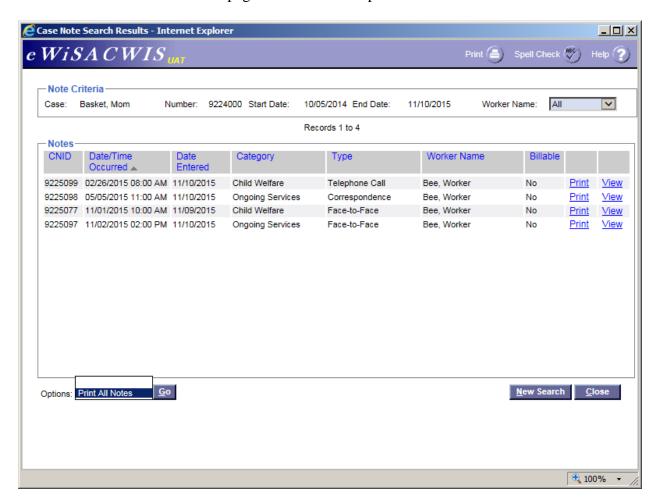


3. Enter the criteria for the notes to be searched. Start Date and End Dates default 30 days prior to today's date, and can be changed to expand or narrow the search. At least one Category is required. Once all desired criteria are entered, click the Search button.



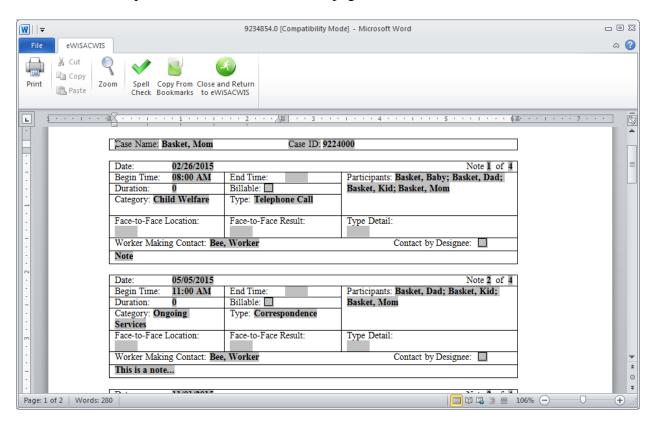
**Note:** A key word search can be used by typing a specific key word in the Text Search field, however common words (e.g. a, and, then, etc.) will return no records.

4. The Case Note Search Results page return all notes specified in the Case Note Search Criteria.



- Notes can be sorted by clicking on that blue column header; i.e. <u>Date/Time Occurred</u>, <u>Date Entered</u>, <u>Category</u>, <u>Type</u>, etc.
- To show notes only for a particular worker, select that worker from the Worker Name drop down.
- To <u>Print</u> or <u>View</u> a specific case note, select the appropriate hyperlink to the right of that note.
- To preview all the notes with the option to print, select Print All Notes from the Options drop down on the bottom of the page and Click Go.

• Notes will print in the order sorted on the page in Microsoft Word document.



## **Quick View of Case Notes from the Desktop**

From the desktop (or from case search), expand the case, and then click to expand the narrative icon. Hover the cursor over the word <u>Details</u> to see the first 120 characters of that case note. To view the entire note, click the note hyperlink.

